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December 23, 2002

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A; Hosston B Zone; and
Hosston C Zone; BRYCELAND FIELD, Bienville
Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

EL PASO PRODUCTION COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of Orders pertaining to the following matters relating to the Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A; the Hosston B Zone; and the Hosston C Zone; all in the Bryceland Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana:

1. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize its Pipes 19 No. 4 Well as an alternate unit well for HOSS A RA SUM and for HOSS B SUF, and as a substitute unit well for HOSS C SUE, at the location shown on the attached plats.
2. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize its Davis et al. No. 3 Well as an alternate unit well for HOSS A RA SUN and for HOSS B SUG, and as a substitute unit well for HOSS C SUF, at the location shown on the attached plats, in exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 145-B, effective December 9, 1971.
3. To find that the proposed wells are necessary to efficiently and economically drain a portion of the hydrocarbons underlying the units on which they are to be drilled which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any existing well within these units.
4. To permit the Operator to produce the allowables assigned to units served by alternate unit wells from either the unit well, any alternate unit well, or from any combination of such wells, at the option of the Operator.
5. To approve the downhole combination of production from the Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A; the Hosston B Zone and the Hosston C Zone, or any combination thereof, in the wellbores of the proposed wells, and in the wellbores of any existing or subsequently drilled well located on the units on which these wells are proposed to be drilled.

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The Hosston A Zone, Reservoir A, the Hosston B Zone and the Hosston C Zone in Bryceland Field, Bienville Parish, Louisiana, are defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 145-B, effective December 9, 1971.

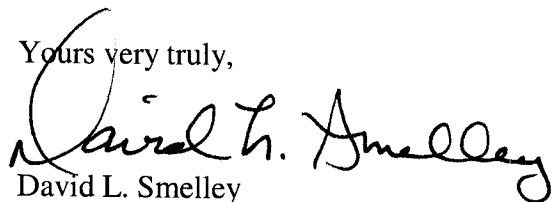
Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the office of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 N. Causeway Boulevard, Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Louis Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data which is not otherwise available from the records of the Louisiana Office of Conservation can be obtained from Mr. Gilbert at the expense of the requesting party.

Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter and of each of the attached plats is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and the enclosed plats at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of Bryceland Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

Finally, enclosed herewith is our check payable to the Office of Conservation covering the application fee.

Yours very truly,



David L. Smelley
Attorney for El Paso Production Company

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encl.)
Mr. Gary Griffith (w/encl.)
Mr. Jerry McAnulty (w/encl.)
Ms. Shirley Galik (w/encl.)
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encl.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/plats only)

LION OIL
10020
10750

17N-6W
13

HOSS A
SU A
CROW MILLTON
VERNON BRICE
7398

17N-5W
18

HOSS A SU G

HOSS A
RA SU J
SOUTHERN NAT
ROBERTS J
7391

EL PASO
(SONAT)
OZLEY
1A
9600

HOSS A RA SU M

EL PASO
(SONAT)
PIPES 6
19-4 ALT
8324
9600
EL PASO
(SONAT)
PIPES 6
19-2
9627
EL PASO
(SONAT)
PIPES 6
19-1 ALT
9633

SUNLAND PROD
PIPES BARNHART F S
10218 9012 17

SUNLAND PROD
PIPES T
PIPES 2
9462
10218

SOUTHERN NAT
EL PASO
(SONAT)
DAVIS
1 8251

HOSS A RA SU N

EL PASO
(SONAT)
DAVIS ET AL DAVIS
3-ALT
9600
EL PASO
(SONAT)
UNIT 2
8250
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HOSS A SU 0

CANTERNA
LA MIN
21-1
8200

HARVEY BROOKS 21
JOSEPH HARVEY
9150

22

(BEAR CREEK)

30
1
6002

(BEAR CREEK)

29
2
8300

28

27

EXHIBIT NO.

DOCKET NO. 02-

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BRYCELAND FIELD
BIENVILLE PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL PLAT
HOSS A RA SU M & SU N



LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.

LEGEND

HOSS A UNITS, APO 145-B
SERIES OF ORDERS

- UNIT WELL
- ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
- PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
- WELLS SHALLOWER THAN 6500'
- REMOVED FROM BASE

17N-6W
13

HOSS B SU A-2

CHOW MELLTON
VENNOR BRIDGE
7398

17N-5W
18

HOSS B SU E

HOSS B SU J
SUNLAND PROD
PIPES 1
10218 2012 17

SUNLAND PROD
PIPES 2
8279 10218

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HOSS B SU D
SOUTHERN NAT
PIPES 1
7391

EL PASO
(SOMAT)
OZLEY
11400

HOSS B SU F
MURPHY C H JR
PIPES 1
8324

EL PASO
(SOMAT)
PIPES 1
8324

HOSS B SU G
SOUTHERN NAT
ELLA DAVIS
(LIN 2-1)

EL PASO
(SOMAT)
DAVIS ET AL DAVIS
3-ALT
8250 8500

CANTERNA
LA MIN
21-1
8200

22

HARVEY BROOKS 21
JOSEPH MARRNEY
8150

HOSS B SU C
BLACKBIRD CO
FUTCH
(SOMAT)
11400

25

HOSS B RA SU P
(BEAR CREEK)
EL PASO
(SOMAT)
JORDAN 3
9650

30

HOSS B RA SU R
(BEAR CREEK)
EL PASO
(SOMAT)
JORDAN 4
9700

29

HOSS B SU X
(BEAR CREEK)
EL PASO
(SOMAT)
A-1
9305

EL PASO
(SOMAT)
PIPES
A-1
7700

EL PASO
(SOMAT)
CHAMLEY
9493

LEGEND

HOSS B SU A-2
SERIES OF ORDERS
UNIT WELL
ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL
WELLS SHALLOWER THAN 6500'

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PROPOSED ALTERNATE UNIT WELL PLAT
HOSS B SU F & SU G



LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.

LION
DOLLY
10750

17N-6W
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HOSS C SU A
CROW MILLTON
VERNON BRICE
7998

17N-5W
LION OIL
LAMAR
8000
18

HOSS C SU J

HOSS C SU I
SUNLAND PROD
PIPES 1
10218 8012 17

SUNLAND PROD
PIPES 2
10218 9462

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HOSS C SU L

SOUTHERN NAT
ROBERTS J
7991
24

EL PASO
(SONAT)
DOLLY
9600
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HOSS C SU E

EL PASO
(SONAT)
PIPES 8
9627
19-2
9635
19-1 ALT

20

EL PASO
(SONAT)
DAVIS ET AL DAVIS
3-ALT
9600
276 FNL
576 FNL
HOSS C SU F

CANTERA
LA WIN
21-1
8200

WARTY BROTHERS
JOSEPH MURPHY
8190
21

22

HOSS C
RA SU G

MURPHY
HART
25
9602

BLACKBIRD CO
FLITCH
11400

BLACKBIRD
WILLAMETTE
CON CAN
9602 7827
10400

HOSS C RA SU D
(BEAR CREEK)

CROW
JORDAN
30
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EL PASO
(SONAT)
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A-1
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EL PASO
(SONAT)
JL JORDAN
9650

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SONAT
STINSON PAIL
8305
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BRYCELAND FIELD
BIENVILLE PARISH, LOUISIANA

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE UNIT WELL PLAT
HOSS C SU E & SU F



LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.

LEGEND

HOSS C UNITS, APO 145-8
SERIES OF ORDERS

UNIT WELL

ALTERNATE UNIT WELL

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE UNIT WELL

WELLS SHALLOWER THAN 8500'

REMOVED FROM BASE